BRIAND VINDICATES FRENCH PRECAUTION

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(Copyright, 1921, by United News.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.-There is one outstanding and salutary difference between the plenary sessions of the Washington conference and those of the peace conference in Paris. Formality and a feeling that what was being said in public was not what was being indersed on behalf of the British delegations.

In a less dramatic tashion the second public sitting was worthy of the first; the string was worthy of the first; the public sitting was worther the public sitting of Monday, November 21, will not seem as beneficent as either of its predecessors.

Balfour Never More Stucere.

It may have grown out of a misunderstanding, but if so, the misunderstanding, but if so, the misunderstanding was happy. Last week Mr. Balfour, in reviewing the matters with which the Washington conference could not hope fully to deal, mentioned land armaments, and said they would have to be considered at another time and treated by other means. Possibly on account of differences of language these remarks were in some quarters interpreted as an oblique allusion to the size of the British Empire was to anoof the French army, and the French Prime Minister's reply was also looked upon as an answer to an indirect challenge.

point of fact nothing was further

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In no quarter was the feeling of pleasurable anticipation of M. Briand's speech keener than among the members speech keener than among the members speech keener than among the members appears to the feeling of pleasurable anticipation of M. Briand's speech keener than among the members appears to the feeling of pleasurable anticipation of M. Briand's speech keener than among the members appears to the feeling of pleasurable anticipation of M. Briand's speech keener than among the members appears to the feeling of pleasurable anticipation.

Balfour and Hughes Quick

to Assure Premier of

Full Sympathy.

pleasurable anticipation of M. Briand's speech keener than among the members of the British delegation. They felt that by reason of the comparative weakness of her navy France had not hitherto played at the conference a part commensurate with the greatness of her services, the splendor of her valor and the immensity of her sufferings in the

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It was therefore hoped that Monday's proceedings might redress the balance. It was also hoped that the French Prime Minister tright be able to destroy once and for all the effects of the "poisonous propaganda" which he recently denounced and to convince the American people that France is neither imperialist nor militarist, nor solely absorbed in the thought of her own losses during the war and the right to reparation

Those who know M. Briand know also that he regards the European situation in a constructive spirit; that he is anxious to maintain the closest cooperation

thought and done in private vitiated all the public proceedings of the Paris gathering save possibly the final ceremony of the signature of peace.

At Washington there have now been three plenary sittings. Of the first its superfluous again to speak. It set the tone, and indeed the pace, of the conference, and lifted it to a plane from which it cannot easily descend.

A Beneficent Sitting.

In a less dramatic fashion the second public sitting was worthy of the first; but when the moment comes to look duty France is to stand alone, in moral

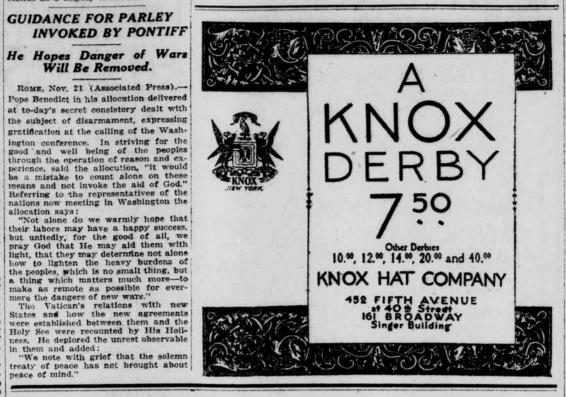
nearly a million lives in defence of the cause of liberty for which France stood, and had they not suffered in addition more than two million casualties? They grieved at these losses. They did not regret them. And since their views of the sanctity of the cause were unchanged, as was their conviction of the necessity of the war, could it be doubted that, should a like emergency recur,

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